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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Dear Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 29, 2002 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully submit this Response and Amendment. Please amend the claims of the subject application as indicated herein. A Declaration/Power of Attorney executed by Gordon W. Duff is also enclosed. We are still waiting for Patrick Richardson's executed Declaration/Power of Attorney. A Petition for a three months extension of time is filed concurrently herewith.